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Planned Parenthood Action FUND Honors Assemblymember Nava for Support of Reproductive Rights

Santa Barbara – Assemblymember Pedro Nava was honored by Planned Parenthood Action FUND of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties at an event in Santa Barbara on September 7th, presenting him with the “Giraffe Award” for sticking his neck out for Choice.

The award is given annually by the Planned Parenthood Action FUND to people who have made outstanding contributions to reproductive rights and choice.

“We chose Assemblymember Pedro Nava because of his support for legislation that furthers and protects access to reproductive rights and choice,” said Cheryl Rollings, President/CEO of the Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties Action Fund. “Pedro has been a champion for reproductive rights and a strong advocate for us in Sacramento.”



Arianna Huffington with Assemblymember Pedro Nava at the Planned Parenthood award ceremony.

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Lupe Anguiano is Honored by the National Women’s Political Caucus, Ventura County Chapter, for a Lifetime of Service



Lupe Anguiano (right) and Susan Jordan

Oxnard - On Sunday, August 17, 2008, the Ventura County chapter of the National Women’s Political Caucus held an afternoon reception to honor Lupe Anguiano. Lupe has dedicated her life to championing the causes that have impacted the poor and helpless, as well as protecting the environment.

“I am humbled by Lupe Anguiano and her lifetime of achievements,” said Assemblymember Nava. “Her continued social activism and fight for a better world is an inspiration to the community. I am very proud to recognize her. She is a tremendous role model for all.”

Lupe received the Political Caucus’ first ever “RA! RA!” Award. They hope to continue the tradition of honoring outstanding women who have shown leadership and have created positive change in their communities.

Susan Jordan, Executive Director of the California Coastal Protection Network, honored Lupe Anguiano on behalf of Assemblymember Nava. Susan and Lupe worked together with the Oxnard community to defeat a dangerous Liquefied Natural Gas proposal off the coast of Oxnard.

"I am honored to be recognized by Planned Parenthood Action FUND," said Assemblymember Nava. "Protecting and supporting access to family planning and reproductive healthcare is vitally important for our community and state. I will continue to work hard for these issues in Sacramento and look forward to working with the Action FUND in the future. "

Assemblymember Nava joins a distinguished list of past recipients of the award, which include the late Molly Ivins, Congresswoman Lois Capps and former United States' Senator Tom Daschle.

Assemblymember Nava Fights Oil Drilling off the California Coast

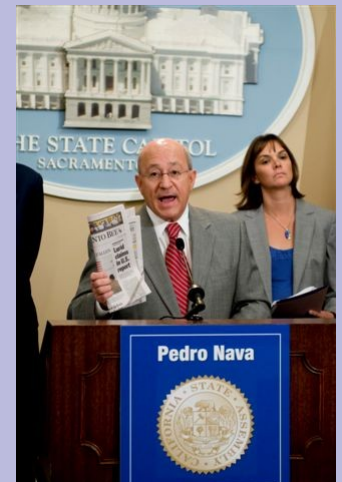
Opposes Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors action, joins statewide environmental groups to fight offshore oil, organized California Assembly colleagues asking House Speaker Pelosi to exempt California from offshore oil drilling

Santa Barbara – In a stunning turnaround that garnered worldwide attention, a majority of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, asked Governor Schwarzenegger to reconsider California's opposition to offshore drilling.

Assemblymember Nava was deeply concerned by this and took the following action:

1. Authored and successfully secured passage of Assembly Joint Resolution 51, which demonstrated opposition to the lifting of the moratorium by both the California State Assembly and Senate. California is the only state to successfully pass this type of resolution.
2. Nava was joined at a Sacramento press conference on Thursday, September 11, 2008, by Environment California, Sierra Club California, and the Natural Resources Defense Council to announce opposition to renewed efforts by Congress and the President of the United States to offshore oil and gas exploration and drilling.
3. On September 16, 2008, Assemblymember Pedro Nava organized thirty-four of his colleagues in the California State Assembly to sign a joint letter to Speaker of the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, asking that California receive the same protection from offshore drilling as Florida. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi met earlier this week with the Florida Congressional Delegation regarding the Comprehensive American Energy Security & Consumer Protection Act (H.R. 6899) and agreed to exempt Florida in the energy bill. The legislation will end the current moratorium on September 30, allowing drilling 3 miles offshore and open up the Outer Continental Shelf.

"Our letter is requesting that California receive the same consideration and protection as Florida," said Nava. "Our message is loud and clear; California does not want increased drilling. Our coast is a national treasure and is not for sale. Lifting the moratorium places the California coastline at risk, endangering tourism, fisheries and coastal recreation for generations to come."
4. In addition, Nava has supported the Santa Barbara and Goleta City Council's opposition to the lifting of the moratorium.



Assemblymember Nava at a press conference in the Capitol regarding opposition to offshore drilling

Assemblymember Nava, the VA Steering Committee, and ProCare Foundation Host 3rd Annual Veteran's Health and Resource Fair



Assemblymember Pedro Nava (left) with David Ha (center) and Richard Camacho (right), members of Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County

Oxnard – Assemblymember Nava co-sponsored the 3rd Annual Veteran's Health & Resource Fair in Oxnard with the VA Steering Committee of Ventura County and ProCare Foundation. The fair featured more than 60 vendors offering veterans information on short and long term health care options, as well as resources, such as waivers, discounts, and special veteran home loans offered by government agencies.

"Veterans have to jump from agency to agency to find out what benefits are available to them. That is why it is vitally important to bring the state, federal, and local services together in one place, to cut through all the red tape and confusion," said Assemblymember Nava. "We owe

them a great deal and have an obligation to help. I want to thank Col. Compton, the Veteran's Affairs Officer, and all the community organizations that stand tall for our veterans and their families."

The fair also featured an Oxnard City Corps Veteran Oral History Project where recollections are recorded so that future generations do not forget the sacrifices of our veterans. Many veterans brought old photos and documents for the interview.

If you are a veteran and would like information regarding your entitled benefits, please call the Ventura County District Office at (805) 483-4808.

Local High School Student Selected for Sacramento Leadership Experience

Sacramento- Shawna Lennen, a Santa Ynez Valley Union High School student, was the 19th State Senate District representative in the Sacramento Leadership Experience, an annual program for Future Farmers of America (FFA) high school students.

Forty students statewide are selected to represent each State Senate district, and spend four days in Sacramento. This experience includes an overview of California state government, visits to State Legislators' offices, caucus and committee meetings, guest speakers, and sessions to inform the students on current issues. The objectives of the experience are designed to: increase the understanding of government functions and policies, create awareness of major issues facing the state, and stimulate interest in becoming active, concerned, and participatory citizens. The climax of the event is a mock debate, at the State Capitol Building.



Assemblymember Nava in his Sacramento office with local high school student Shawna Lennen

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Assemblymember Nava met with Ms. Lennen and presented her with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the California State Assembly. "I am honored to meet with a young person from the 35th Assembly District who is helping her community and is interested in public service," said Assemblymember Nava. "Shawna is a wonderful example of the talent and dedication California students possess."

In March of 2008, Ms. Lennen was one of 8 Santa Ynez Valley Union High School students to receive a 2008 Golden State Degree at the South Coast Region FFA Leadership Reception. The degree is the highest honor given by the state association.

AB 1830 Introduced to Avoid Further Subprime Loan Crisis, Protect Borrowers

Potential California home-buyers with good credit are currently facing difficulties in achieving their dream to purchase a home. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has been forced to save several large financial institutions from complete collapse. Local governments are struggling to deal with budget gaps and blighted neighborhoods. All of these circumstances are connected to the subprime mortgage crisis.

As Chair of the Banking and Finance Committee, Assemblymember Nava has seen the subprime lending crisis add up to \$4 billion to the current state budget gap. In the attempt to prevent another subprime crisis in California, the Legislature had to navigate a complex set of state and federal laws relating to mortgage lending with caution and prudence to ensure that consumers are protected and that mortgage markets can retain liquidity. With these concerns in mind, Assemblymember Nava joint-authored Assembly Bill 1830.

AB 1830 will establish a balanced approach that shows the future of subprime lending will be responsible and use appropriate risk management. This legislation builds upon recent changes to the Federal Truth in Lending Act as amended in Regulation Z.

Changes to Regulation Z address "higher priced loans" a category of loans encompassing the subprime market. These changes to Regulation Z require that borrowers have an ability to repay their loan, limit prepayment penalties, require mandatory escrow accounts and prohibit misleading advertising.

AB 1830 was crafted to complement Regulation Z and to provide stronger protections for California borrowers. AB 1830 provides that mortgage brokers owe a fiduciary duty to borrowers, caps the amount of prepayment penalties, prohibits the steering of borrowers into more costly loans, and bans false or misleading statements relating to subprime loans.

AB 1830 is a reasonable and measured response to this crisis that will ensure that secondary markets will have confidence in California mortgages.

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